February 26, 2014

Welcome to *JUMP Smarter*, the OPI online assessment newsletter. *JUMP Smarter* will be published on Wednesdays up to and throughout the Smarter Balanced Field Test window which ends May 14, 2014. *JUMP Smarter* will include updates and links to resources related to the Practice, Training, and Field Tests.
What's new?

- **Information Central: New OPI SBAC Practice, Training, and Field Test Site**
- **Practice/Training Test Quick Facts: Training Test and Text to Speech**
- **Field Test Updates**

Information Central

OPI Smarter Practice, Training, and Field Test Information

- **Go to assessment (MontCAS) page**
  http://opi.mt.gov/Curriculum/MontCAS/index.html
- **Click OPI SBAC Field Test Information**

Practice and Training Test—Recently Posted Document

OPI Quick Facts on Training Test and Text to Speech
Describes Text to Speech options and how to use them

- **Go to SBAC Information Central and click on Practice and Training Test tab**
- **Also posted on the Field Test tab under Accessibility**

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⭐ Field Test Information

Administration News

Coming Soon: Streamlined Planning Checklists

SBAC Test Administration Manual

This link to the manual is direct so that any updates by Smarter are reflected in it. A change log begins on the last page of the manual (currently page 86). Below are changes on Feb. 6, 2014

Section	Page	Change	Date
6.0 Test Administration	28-29	Corrected *Table 7: Comparison of the Training Test and Practice Test* to reflect accurate list of available embedded universal tools, designated supports, and accommodations.	2/6/2014
	34	Corrected Table 9: Assessment Sequencing—ELA to reflect accurate sequence of the ELA performance task.	

There is no need to reprint manuals; JUMP Smarter will include information on changes, but it is recommended that you check the log between JUMP Smarter issues JIC (just in case).

- **Change log last updated Feb. 6, 2014**

Training

Required of all Test Coordinators, Test Administrators, and school administrative staff who will be involved in the Field Test administration. District and school teams have access to Smarter modules and manuals to plan and provide training.

Training Log

Schools may use this to log assessment staff training.

✦ Accessibility News

OPI Quick Facts OPI

- **Quick Facts on Training Test and Text-to-Speech**
  Describes Text-to-Speech options and how to use them
    - o **Go to SBAC Information Central and click on Practice and Training Test tab**
    - o **Also posted on the Field Test tab under Accessibility**

Coming Soon: More OPI Quick Facts and Accessibility

✦ Technology News

Meta: Getting Montana SBAC Ready

Please use the Tech readiness link for contact information for technology questions and assistance.

Digital Media Blasts

Weekly 20-minute information blasts on Montana Common Core Standards implementation, professional development and field test administration questions. Register at www.mdpln.org. For more information contact:

- **Curtis.biggs@umontana.edu**
- **406.370.1376**

✦ Data/TIDE

TIDE Passwords

Passwords to TIDE are assigned by OPI to Districts (not system Administrators and Test Coordinators). This means that District Administrators and Test Coordinators may receive two passwords, one for each district within the system.

TIDE documents posted

- **OPI Data/TIDE Quick Facts Update February 24, 2014**
- **Because TIDE templates require district and school identifiers, OPI has prepared alpha tables with those identifiers. The identifiers are also in the OPI Directory of Montana Schools.**
    - o **OPI District Identifier Spreadsheet**
    - o **OPI School Identifier Spreadsheet**

✦ **Training**
   Important Smarter Modules
   - **Accessibility**
   - **TIDE**
   - **Test Administration**

Teamwork!

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